आठवीं योजना के अंत तक उद्देश्यों के पूरा होने की संभावना है ।

इन दूर दराज एवं पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तरीय सेवा प्रदान करने हेतु डिजिटल टी ए एक्स परिक्षण प्रणालियों तथा उपग्रह भू-केन्द्रों की भी योजना बनाई जा रही है इसके लिए अभी वर्तमान शुल्क ढांचे में किसी विशेष परिवर्तन का पूर्वानुमान नहीं है ।

**Service tax on telephones**

914. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. has decided to pass on the burden of service tax, levied under the budget on Telephone Com panies! Corporations to the consumers; and

(b) if so, the reasons for passing over the entire burden to consumers and what was the intention of Gov ernment as to source of recover of this tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The service Tax is recoverable from the subscribers of Telephone Connection as per Finance Act, 1994 and rules made there-under.

**Discussions with the organisations interested ire investing in telecom network**

915. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated discussions with representatives of 19 organisations who had taken interest in investing in telecom network;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed;

(c) whether the suggestions made by the representatives have been con sidered so that telecom policy an nounced *by* Government is implemented immediately; and

(d) if BO, whether all the formalities in this regard have been finally settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): *(a)* and (b) A meeting with the industry representatives, to ascertain their views was held on 12th June, 1994.

(c) and (d) The views expressed were taken as a part of input for framing the guidelines for implementation of the Telecom Policy.

**Telephone advisory committee (T.A.G.) for GOA**

916. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not making Goa Telephone Advisory Committee ('T.A.C.) functional, despite orders from Director-General, Telecom that the term of 2 years of this T.A.C. will commence from 1st May, 1994;

(b) what are the reasons that Faci lities for which these members arc. .'ntitlerl have not yet been provided:

(c) whether in view of delay of 3 months for this Committee to func tion, the term of this Committee will be extended for 2 years from the date of its first meeting; and

(d) if so. by when the first meet ing is proposed to be held;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF' THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, the Telephone Advisory Committee for Goa constituted on 29.2.1994 could not become functional for want of acceptance letters from some of the Members nominated.

(b) Facilities have already, been provided to 10 Members and to the